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The mission of the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and economic welfare of the people of Texas through the regulation of the practice of chiropractic in Texas.

Rules Review Article

Special points of interest:

- TMA Litigation Update
- Fee Increases
- Rule Review—Informal Comment Period
- Repeat: Probation of Licenses for CE Non-compliance
- Summary of Board Actions

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On September 13, 2013, TMA filed an Amended Petition in the 353rd District Court to expand its litigation against TBCE regarding whether Vestibular Ocular Nystagmus Testing, authorized by Board Rule 75.17, is within the chiropractic scope of practice. Also at issue was the rule's authorization of chiropractors to diagnosis by the use of the word "diagnosis" in the rule. This challenge is despite the precedent stating that chiropractors are allowed to diagnose regarding the biomechanical condition of the musculoskeletal system and spine. The Amended Petition challenges other provisions of Board Rule 75.17.

First, the suit now challenges the rule's definition of "musculoskeletal system." Specifically, TMA challenges the inclusion of nerves in the definition, which they claim expands the definition beyond the limits of scope of practice authorized by the Chiropractic Act. They also challenge the defining of an anatomical term by a functional context ("that move the body and maintain its form"), which they claim implies that anything that affects movement of the body or maintenance of its form would be included in the musculoskeletal system.

Next, the suit now challenges the rule's definition of "subluxation complex" as a "neuro-musculoskeletal condition" because they claim this exceeds the lawful scope of practice for chiropractors.

The TBCE is actively working with the Office of the Attorney General to defend these claims. Trial is tentatively scheduled for September 2014.

Previously, the District Court ruled against the TBCE on the issue of whether VON Testing is within scope of practice. On December 19, 2011, Judge Rhonda Hurley granted a motion for summary judgment by TMA, invalidating the portions of Board Rule 75.17 authorizing VON Testing.

The TBCE appealed to the 3rd Court of Appeals, who found on November 11, 2012, that the District Court erred in granting TMA's motion for summary judgment. The appellate court reversed and remanded the case back to District Court for trial on the merits. The Court held that neither side proved it was entitled to summary judgment.

The case is currently pending in the 353rd District Court (Travis County) pursuant to the appellate court's remand.

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A Message from the Executive Director



Welcome to 2014! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! January is always what I refer to in my house as the calm AFTER the storm, as it is usually a bit of quiet after the hustle and bustle of the holidays. This year will be a little different, as I am out on twelve weeks of maternity leave beginning in January. Calm is not a word I'd use to describe my household right now!

While I am out, the TBCE staff is being led by our former Executive Director, Glenn Parker, who has graciously come out of retirement to work part-time for the agency in my absence. I very much appreciate his leadership of the agency, and I know he'll keep things running smoothly.

In this issue of the *Report*, ...

Rule review

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open and my e-mail and phone number are always available to licensees.

Yvette Yarbrough—Executive Director

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Fee Increases—Effective Jan. 1st

The 83rd Legislature raised appropriations for the TBCE to hire three additional staff members (two field investigators and one administrative assistant), but mandated that the agency raise fees to generate increased revenue.

At a Board meeting on November 21st, the Board voted to adopt the following fee increases:

- \$10 increase for initial DC applications
- \$10 increase for initial DC license (prorated)
- \$30 increase for inactive license processing
- \$5 increase for new facility applications
- \$35 increase for CE applications

These increases are effective January 1st. Forms with the new fees are available on our website under the Forms/Downloads link.

Please note that the field investigator positions are NOT peace officer positions. The TBCE did not request peace officer or armed status for investigators.

All fees are listed in Board [Rule 75.7\(a\)](#). Click on the “Attached Graphic” link under subsection (a) to see the most current fee table.

Keeping Up With the Rules

Did you know that you can keep up with rules that the TBCE has proposed or adopted online?

The TBCE uploads all proposed and adopted rules onto our homepage at www.tbce.state.tx.us under the “Rules—Recent & Proposed Changes” link.

Additionally, you can view current rules from the [Secretary of State website](#), which is linked to on our homepage under the “Statutes and Rules” link.

All proposed and adopted rules are published in the Texas Register. Current and past issues of the Texas Register are available at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg.

If you’d like to be notified by email whenever the TBCE proposes, adopts or withdraws a rule OR schedules an open meeting, you can contact the Texas Register at 512-463-5561 or register@sos.state.tx.us.

We encourage all licensees to monitor proposed rules published in the Texas Register and to regularly comment on these proposed rules. Comments must be in writing and must be sent to the Executive Director via mail or [email](#) within the specified time period.

Have You Moved??

[Board Rule 73.1](#) requires licensees to maintain a current physical home and business address with the Board.

The same rule also requires licensees to notify the Board in writing of any change in address within 30 days of that change. Additionally, [Board Rule 74.5](#) requires a facility to notify the Board in writing of any change in street or mailing address or ownership within 30 days of that change.

Please note that merely submitting a change through Texas Online when completing a license or registration renewal will NOT change your address with the Board. Unfortunately, we do not receive notice of those changes from Texas Online.

If you fail to notify the Board of a change in your address, you face a disciplinary action and up to a \$250 fine! Don’t let this be you!

Changes of address can be sent to the Board via mail, fax, or email to sarah@tbce.state.tx.us. A change of address form is available on our homepage at www.tbce.state.tx.us under the “Forms and Downloads” link.

Staff Member Introduction



We welcome Bryan Snoddy as the General Counsel of the TBCE as of August 2013.

Before coming to the TBCE, Bryan was formerly an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas with a substantial volume of litigation in the Administrative Law Division. He represented

the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, Texas Ethics Commission, Texas Racing Commission, and the University Interscholastic League, among several other agencies. He is an experienced litigator and appellate advocate having practiced before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, each federal district court in Texas, half a dozen Texas appellate courts, and the Texas Supreme Court on numerous occasions.

Bryan also has experience in cases involving corporate disputes, securities issues, tax issues, bankruptcy issues, insurance and indemnification, intellectual property and admiralty. He

earned his law degree from Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, where he was a Dean's List Scholar and graduated *cum laude*. Additionally, he was a law clerk to the Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. After serving a term as a law clerk, Bryan began practice in the intellectual property section of Baker Botts, LLP and was actively involved in patent drafting and litigation and intellectual property evaluation and counseling for Fortune 50 companies.

TBCE Meeting Schedule

2014

Board Meeting Dates

February 20, 2014

May 22, 2014

August 21, 2014

November 13, 2014

AGENCY LICENSING & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Number of DCs

Active License	
Expired License	
Probated-CE License	
Inactive License	
Probated License	
Suspended License	
Non-Renewable License	

Number of Facilities

Active Registration	
Expired Registration	

Number of Radiologic Technologists

Active Registration	
Expired Registration	

Information current as of Jan 31, 2014

If you'd like to submit a question to be answered in our newsletter, please email it to tbce@tbce.state.tx.us!

TMA Litigation Update

For the second year in a row, TBCE staff members are participating in the SECC campaign—the only statutorily authorized workplace charitable-giving campaign for State of Texas employees. Thus far during this year's SECC campaign, 64% of staff contributed a total of \$1,373.84. This is a slight increase over last year, when 64% of staff contributed a total of \$1,346 to charities.

As part of the SECC campaign, employees voluntarily make donations to statewide and local charities of their choosing. Eligible charities are vetted by the SECC to ensure they are health and human service non-profit organizations that provide local services. Participating local charities are those such as the Capitol Area Food Bank, United Way for Greater Austin, Boy Scouts of America (Capitol Area Council), SafePlace, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, The Blood Center of Central Texas, and many more.

Why Did I Get a Notice in the Mail That My License Is Probated ?

If you've recently renewed your license, you may have received a letter in the mail informing you that your license was renewed but in a probated status. Before you panic, read on...

All active licensees are required to complete sixteen (16) hours of CE per year, including the four (4) required hours in Ethics, Coding/Documentation, and Risk Management. Additionally, all licensees were required to complete eight (8) hours of CE in Medicare coding/documentation during either calendar year 2011 or 2012. (New licensees are required to complete the Medicare hours within the first year of licensure.)

If you did not have sixteen (16) hours (including all required hours) of CE on file with the Board prior to your renewal, your license was renewed in a

probated status. Additionally, if you have not completed your Medicare hours as required, your license was renewed in a probated status. Note: [Board Rule 73.2\(a\)](#) requires you to have completed your CE hours BEFORE renewing your license.

[Board Rule 73.5](#) states that a licensee who fails to meet the minimum CE requirements shall have his/her license placed in a probated status for a period of twelve (12) months when renewed. During this probation, the licensee must complete the deficient hours. (Note that this is in addition to your regular CE requirements! Hours made up from past years cannot count toward a current year!) **This probation is NOT a disciplinary action!**

If you fail to complete the deficient hours during the

year of probation, then at your next renewal, your license will be considered expired backdated to the beginning date of the probation period. This will render your license non-renewable!!

Note: some licensees renew their license "early" – i.e. before the expiration date. If you do this, but you have not completed all CE or we don't have proof of completion on file, your license will still be renewed as probated, *even though you think you have another few weeks to complete your CE.* When you renew, you are attesting that you have completed all CE requirements!

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If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Hertenberg at jennifer@tbce.state.tx.us or Sarah Matthews at sarah@tbce.state.tx.us.



Where Can I Find Approved CE Courses?

It is no secret that there are hundreds of continuing education courses being marketed towards Doctors of Chiropractic each month. Some of these courses contain great material, but if you take these courses, will it count towards your CE requirements?

The answer is yes, but ONLY if the Board has approved the course. You can find a list of approved CE courses on the [TBCE website](#) under the "Continuing Education" link. Courses are listed by year and month.

Note that a course must be approved to include required hours. It will be listed with a bolded, red statement noting approval for required hours.

TBCE Welcomes New DC Licensees

The Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners issued xx new licenses between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

Congratulations to the following doctors!

Reid Amedee , D.C.	Nicolas Kellerman , D.C.
Bryan Asby , D.C.	Yasaman Khan-Shaghaghi , D.C.
Brittney Asby , D.C.	Steven Levingston , D.C.
Lindsay Browning , D.C.	Ashleigh Lippe , D.C.
Marissa Bunker , D.C.	Russell Lytton , D.C.
Steven Carrell, Jr. , D.C.	Jeff Macy , D.C.
Garrett Chretien , D.C.	Nicholas Markel , D.C.
Ryan Corley , D.C.	Babatunde Olatunji , D.C.
Daniel Davila , D.C.	Josh Paek , D.C.
Jeremy de los Santos , D.C.	Justin Paeltz , D.C.
Lindsey Doppler , D.C.	Roderick Peddy , D.C.
Steven Dotson , D.C.	Martin Powers , D.C.
Emily Doubt , D.C.	Jenna Schulz , D.C.
Paola Duran-Negron , D.C.	Christina Seibert , D.C.
Laura Ferrao , D.C.	Jacob Shores , D.C.
Fredrick Foster , D.C.	Jason Sigler , D.C.
Genaro Garza, III , D.C.	Christopher Smoley , D.C.
John Glade , D.C.	Lisa Trujillo , D.C.
Gregory Goode , D.C.	Irina Turko , D.C.
Yael Gurwitz-Elkin , D.C.	Shashi Upadhyaya , D.C.
Nicholas Hamilton , D.C.	Nicholas Weikum , D.C.
David Hardin , D.C.	Sandra Wentzel , D.C.
Tricia Harlan , D.C.	John Word , D.C.
Baylie Hurt , D.C.	Ryan Woytek , D.C.
Linda Huynh , D.C.	



Reminder: CE for New Licensees

Because your first renewal cycle is pro-rated and is usually not a full twelve months long, completion of your CE requirements is not required until after your first license renewal. When you renew your license for the second time, you then should have completed sixteen (16) hours of approved CE, including the four (4) hours in Board-required topics (ethics, risk management, and documentation/coding).

You must also complete at least eight (8) hours of CE in Medicare coding/documentation within twelve (12) months of when you received your license. These hours can count towards your regular CE requirement.

Therefore, if you are born in February and licensed on November 1, 2013, you are required to complete eight (8) hours of Medicare coding/documentation CE by November 1, 2014. You would then need to complete another eight (8) hours of CE, including the four (4) Board-required hours by February 1, 2015.

If you have questions regarding these requirements, please read through [Board Rule 73.3](#). You may also contact Jennifer Hertsenberg, Director of Licensure, at jennifer@tbce.state.tx.us or Sarah Matthews, Licensing Assistant, at sarah@tbce.state.tx.us.

A list of all approved CE courses can be found on the [TBCE website](#) under the "Continuing Education" link.



TBCE Board Disciplinary Actions Taken October to December 2013

To view the actual Board Order, visit:

http://www.tbce.state.tx.us/verify_menu.html

BRANDON ADAMS, D.C., Lic. No. 11110, Plano

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Brandon Adams, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Adams to pay a fine of \$1,000. The Board found Dr. Adams operated an unregistered facility for approximately twenty (20) months.

PATRICK BARNETT, D.C., Lic. No. 7258, Spring

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Patrick Barnett, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Barnett to pay a fine of \$1,250. The Board found Dr. Barnett failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address and failed to respond to a Board inquiry.

TINA BENNETT-BURTON, D.C., Lic. No. 10635, Dallas

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Tina Bennett-Burton, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Bennett-Burton to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Bennett-Burton failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

MICHAEL BEYER, JR., D.C., Lic. No. 8122, Kingwood

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Michael Beyer, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Beyer to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Beyer failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

MICHAEL BRUCE, D.C., Lic. No. 5323, Baytown

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Michael Bruce, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Bruce to pay a fine of 3,000. The Board found Dr. Bruce operated an unregistered facility for over six (6) years.

OSCAR DE VALLE, Facility No. F009196, Houston

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Oscar De Valle, entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. De Valle to pay a fine of 3,000. The Board found Mr. Bruce operated an unregistered facility for over six (6) years.

KENNETH EFIRD, D.C., Lic. No. 9958, Missouri City

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Kenneth Efird, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Efird to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Dr. Efird engaged in deceptive advertising by advertising himself to be a faculty/staff member of the National Academy of Manual and Physical Medicine and the National Academy of MUA Physicians, when in fact he was not. The Board also found Dr. Efird advertised himself to be a "state advisor" for the TBCE and the Texas Chiropractic Association (TCA), when he was not affiliated with either organization as a "state advisor."

ROBERT EKIN, D.C., Lic. No. 9007, Indianapolis

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Robert Ekin, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order issuing Dr. Ekin a Letter of Reprimand. The Board found Dr. Ekin failed to timely renew his chiropractic license.

HEATHER ELLIS, D.C., Lic. No. 11046, Corpus Christi

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Heather Ellis, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Ellis to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Ellis failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

JOSE ESQUIVEL, D.C., Lic. No. 9700, Dallas

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Jose Esquivel, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Esquivel to pay a fine of \$1,250. The Board found Dr. Esquivel failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address and failed to respond to a Board inquiry.

ROBIN FUQUAY, D.C., Lic. No. 8726, Austin

On November 21, 2013, the Board and Robin Fuquay, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Fuquay to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Dr. Fuquay operated an unregistered facility for over eight (8) months. Additionally, the Board and Dr. Fuquay entered into a second Agreed Order requiring Dr. Fuquay to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Fuquay failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

CHANDLER GEORGE, D.C., Lic. No. 5079, Roanoke

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Carlos Gonzalez, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Gonzalez to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Dr. Gonzalez practiced chiropractic in an unregistered facility.

BRADLEY GESSNER, D.C., Lic. No. 10446, Pharr

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Elizabeth Hackleman, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Hackleman to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Hackleman failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

BYRAN HARRISON, D.C., Lic. No. 9014, Carrollton

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Nicole Hewitt, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Hewitt to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Hewitt failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

TORRY HINSON, D.C., Lic. No. 8826, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Michelle Jarvis, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Jarvis to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Jarvis failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

LINH HUYNHLE, D.C., Lic. No. 10417, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Randall Johns, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Johns to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to make restitution to the Complainant in an amount of \$590. The Board found Dr. Johns charged Complainant for services not received.

DREW JOHNSON, D.C., Lic. No. 6691, College Station

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Ronald Kahn, M.D., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Kahn to pay a fine of \$1,500. The Board found Dr. Kahn operated an unregistered facility for approximately three (3) years and six (6) months.

HOMER JOHNSON, III, D.C., Lic. No. 11930, Addison

On August 15, 2013, the Board and William Kuykendall, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Kuykendall to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Kuykendall failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

TBCE Board Disciplinary Actions cont'd...

MICHAEL MAGGIO, D.C., Lic. No. 8060, Austin

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Michael Maggio, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Maggio to pay a fine of \$3,000. The Board found Dr. Maggio operated a facility with an expired registration for eight (8) months, practiced chiropractic with an expired license for one (1) year, and failed to respond to a Board inquiry.

MICHAEL MCCLUNG, D.C., Lic. No. 2891, Austin

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Michael McClung, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order giving Dr. McClung a Letter of Reprimand. The Board found Dr. McClung failed to obey a Board order.

PATTI MCCORMICK, Facility No. F10611, Marble Falls

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Patti McCormick entered into an Agreed Order requiring Ms. McCormick to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Ms. McCormick operated an unregistered facility for approximately ten (10) months.

BRIAN MILLIGAN, D.C., Lic. No. 11517, Arlington

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Brian Milligan, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Milligan to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Milligan failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

RALPH MUILENBURG, D.C., Lic. No. 4491, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Ralph Muilenburg, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Muilenburg to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Muilenburg failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

JOSE MUNIZ, D.C., Lic. No. 9422, El Paso

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Jose Muniz, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Muniz to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Muniz failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

MICHAEL NELSON, D.C., Lic. No. 2342, Bridgeport

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Michael Nelson, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Nelson to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Dr. Nelson failed to maintain patient records and failed to furnish Complainant with records upon request.

DANIEL PENNELL, D.C., Lic. No. 11401, Garland

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Daniel Pennell, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Pennell to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Pennell failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

TRACY PHAM, D.C., Lic. No. 8008, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Tracy Pham, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Pham to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Pham failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

TIMOTHY PITTMAN, D.C., Lic. No. 9576, San Angelo

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Timothy Pittman, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Pittman to pay a fine of \$1,250. The Board found Dr. Pittman failed to document Complainant's examination or presenting complaint, thus rendering Dr. Pittman unable to justify his choice of treatment (nineteen adjustments) and subsequent billing.

JASON POMONIS, D.C., Lic. No. 10059, Nederland

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Jason Pomonis, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Pomonis to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Pomonis failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

FLOYD POWELL, D.C., Lic. No. 11743, Katy

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Floyd Powell, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Powell to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Powell failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

KIRT REPP, D.C., Lic. No. 8323, The Woodlands

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Kirt Repp, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Repp pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Repp failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

JEFFREY ROSE, Facility No. F10210, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Jeffrey Rose entered into an Agreed Order requiring Mr. Rose to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Mr. Rose failed operated an unregistered facility for approximately fifteen (15) months.

MAJID SAMIMI-NARAGHI, D.C., Lic. No. 10331, Austin

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Majid Samimi-Naraghi, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Samimi-Naraghi to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Samimi-Naraghi failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address..

TONY SMITH, D.C., Lic. No. 6606, Big Lake

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Tony Smith, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Smith to pay a fine of \$2,250. The Board found Dr. Smith failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address, practiced chiropractic with an expired license, and failed to respond to a Board inquiry.

STEWART STEPHENSON, D.C., Lic. No. 2258, Bryan

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Stewart Stephenson, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Stephenson to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Stephenson failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

TIMOTHY STIFF, D.C., Lic. No. 9212, Clifton

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Timothy Stiff, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Stiff to pay a fine of \$1,250. The Board found Dr. Stiff practiced chiropractic with an expired license and failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

ALEXANDER TEMPLE, D.C., Lic. No. 9659, The Colony

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Alexander Temple, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Temple to pay a fine of \$250. The Board found Dr. Temple failed to timely notify the Board of a change in address.

VIET TUAN TRAN, D.C., Lic. No. 8082, Spring

On August 15, 2013, the Board entered a Board Order against Viet Tran, D.C., requiring Dr. Tran to pay a fine of \$2,500. The Board found Dr. Tran practiced chiropractic with an expired license for approximately eleven (11) months, practiced chiropractic in a facility with an expired registration for approximately eleven (11) months, and failed to respond to a Board inquiry.

TBCE Board Disciplinary Actions cont'd...

JASON ULSRUD, D.C., Lic. No. 8872, Rockwall

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Jason Ulsrud, D.C., entered into an Agreed Order issuing Dr. Ulsrud to a Letter of Reprimand. The Board found Dr. Ulsrud failed to obey a Board order.

The Board found Dr. Williams failed to document treatments provided to patients and failed to provide refunds for treatments paid for by patients but not provided.

JOHN WILLIAMS, JR, D.C., Lic. No. 11294, Houston

On August 15, 2013, the Board and John Williams, Jr., D.C., entered into an Agreed Order requiring Dr. Williams to pay a fine of \$500, complete additional continuing education, and engage a professional management consultant to conduct a review of Dr. Williams' office procedures, including insurance and billing procedures.

ELIZABETH ZEPEDA, Facility No. F10267, Plano

On August 15, 2013, the Board and Elizabeth Zepeda entered into an Agreed Order requiring Ms. Zepeda to pay a fine of \$500. The Board found Ms. Zepeda operated an unregistered facility for over three (3) months.



Summary of Actions

*A regular meeting of the TBCE was held November 21, 2013, in Austin.
The following is a summary of Board actions taken during this meeting.*

- The Board voted Ms. Kenya Woodruff to be Vice-President of the Board and Dr. Karen Campion to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Board.
- The Board denied an applicant the opportunity to take the jurisprudence examination on the basis of a criminal conviction (Tex. Occ. Code § 201.502(a)(5)).
- The Board voted to propose a rule amendment to Rule 75.17(e), regarding Scope of Practice. This proposed amendment was published in the *Texas Register* on September 13, 2013. Comments were accepted through October 14, 2013. The proposed amendment can be viewed here: http://www.tbce.state.tx.us/ProposedRules/FY2013/PAR75-17_8-2013.pdf
- Forty-one (41) Agreed Orders imposing disciplinary action, one (1) Board order imposing disciplinary action in a default action, and one (1) Board order declining to impose disciplinary action were approved by the Board. The Board also approved two (2) requests for expungement of disciplinary action.
- The Board voted to hold a special Board meeting on October 8, 2013 to discuss possible fee increases and any necessary rule changes.

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